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DETECTION OF AN ANALYTE  
UTILIZING MESOSCALE FLOW  
SYSTEMS

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**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Prior to issuance of a first Official Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: